

110TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1689

To provide support to combat illegal downloading on college and university campuses.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 26, 2007

Mr. KELLER of Florida introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Curb Illegal
5 Downloading on College Campuses Act of 2007”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds the following:

8 (1) Illegal downloading and online distribution
9 of movies, music, software, games and other intellec-

1 tual property has increased significantly on college
2 and university campuses.

3 (2) Computer systems at colleges and univer-
4 sities are intended primarily to aid in educating and
5 increase research capability among students and fac-
6 ulty. Increased illegal downloading and distribution
7 of content through peer-to-peer networks puts great
8 strain on these systems and imposes significant costs
9 on universities.

10 (3) Additional staff and resources are required
11 to respond to notices of illegal downloading, costing
12 more money.

13 (4) Illegal downloading and file sharing exposes
14 campus networks to computer viruses and worms,
15 and can put sensitive personal and proprietary infor-
16 mation at risk.

17 (5) Programs can be developed that will stop il-
18 legal downloading while still maintaining student
19 privacy and academic freedom.

20 **SEC. 3. SUPPORT THROUGH THE FUND FOR THE IMPROVE-**
21 **MENT OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION.**

22 Section 741(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965
23 (20 U.S.C. 1138(a)) is amended—

24 (1) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph
25 (7);

1 (2) by striking the period at the end of para-
2 graph (8) and inserting “; and”; and

3 (3) by adding at the end the following new
4 paragraph:

5 “(9) supporting efforts to establish pilot pro-
6 grams and initiatives to help offset the costs associ-
7 ated with implementing model programs and policies
8 on college campuses to reduce illegal downloading of
9 copyrighted content in order to—

10 “(A) improve the security and integrity of
11 campus computer networks; and

12 “(B) save telecommunications bandwidth
13 costs, while ensuring such bandwidth is first
14 and foremost made available for research and
15 education-related purposes.”.

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